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SUBJECT:POSSIBLE CONDEMNATION OF US BY OAU

REF: ADDIS ABABA 321

FOR AMBASSADOR

REQUEST YOU TAKE FOLLOWING POSITION REGARDING EVENTUAL
INCLUSION BY NAME OF US IN LIST OF COUNTRIES INTERVENING
IN ANGOLA

1. USG UNDERSTANDS THAT SOME OF OUR FRIENDS MAKING EFFORT
TO PREVENT CONDEMNATION OF US BY NAME IN OAU DRAFT RE-
SOLUTION BEING DRAFTED BY MODERATE GROUP. WE ARE MOST
GRATEFUL FOR THEIR EFFORT ON OUR BEHALF. WE ARE CONCERNED
THAT THIS ISSUE NOT BECOME DIVISIVE, THUS WEAKENING VERY
COMMENDABLE UNITY WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPING AMONG MODERATES.

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2. THERE ARE TACTICAL ADVANTAGES AND DRAWBACKS TO EITHER

OF THE TWO PROPOSED FORMULATIONS. WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY PREFER THAT US NOT BE INCLUDED WITH SOUTH AFRICANS, SOVIETS AND CUBANS. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD PREFER RESOLUTION WHICH POINTS FINGER AT SOVIETS AND CUBANS BY NAME, EVEN IF IT INCLUDES US, TO ONE WHICH FOCUSES ONLY ON SOUTH AFRICANS, AND COULD BE CLAIMED BY SOVIETS AND CUBANS NOT TO REFER TO THEM AT ALL.

3. IF YOU FIND APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY YOU SHOULD MAKE THIS KNOWN TO EGYPTIANS. HOWEVER, IF, IN THE MEANTIME, ISSUE SEEMS TO HAVE RESOLVED ITSELF WE WOULD NOT WANT TO RESURRECT IT THROUGH A GRATUITOUS APPROACH. KISSINGER

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